

MORMONS IN GOTHAM

**A Mission of Joe Smith's Followers
Sustained in New York City.**

ADQUARTERS FOR IMMIGRANTS

GUIDES FOR YOUNG MISSIONARIES.

The Mormons have a mission in New York City, where they look after the wants of incoming converts from other countries. They are anti-polygamous Mormons, though. They also act as guides to young Mormons who come to the city to "see the elephant."

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)
NEW YORK, September 15.—Few people know that New York is a sort of center for Mormon missionaries; not that they seriously undertake to make converts here, although some little effort is put forth in this direction. The Joe Smith Mormons have some sort of a mission here, with an elder, William Kelly, long active in the West, as their

leader. These are known as the anti-polygamous Mormons, and do not work in harmony or fraternize with the main body in Utah.

These missionaries come here for many purposes, the principal one of which is to meet the great number of incoming converts made by other missionaries abroad. Nearly all of these are landed at Castle

Garden, although of late some few have been finding their way to the West through the port of Philadelphia. They are met here by the elders and other missionaries of the church, who care for their wants, see that they are not imposed upon by the runners who infest Castle Garden, and otherwise provide for them.

Another kind of work the elders have to do in New York is to pilot about the city the young men who are just starting out on their mission work. These come here together in considerable numbers and are shown the sights of the city, including especially the museums, parks, libraries and buildings of interest. This is considered a part of the training for their work.

It is perhaps not generally known that each Mormon young man is expected to

give two years of work to the church. This effort is devoted to whatever branch of the work the young men are best fitted to perform. Some may preach; in fact, nearly all of them are likely to be called upon to do this. Others do work in different fields of labor, just as their talents may fit them. But every young man grows up with the knowledge that he must give this much of his time to the church, and makes his arrangements accordingly, just as he must

The AN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

than 30,000 members. It has a magazine devoted entirely to its own purpose, a publication within the limits of the church. Its work seems to be very well done, and some of the most zealous Mormons engaged in it speak most encouragingly of its influence.

give up the languages of their youth, and lose those peculiar national characteristics which find preservation in the larger cities. Every assistance is afforded the immigrant, with the result that he is not thrown out in the cold, unfeeling way which is an apparent necessity in the world outside.

SOMETHING OF A SENSATION.

A Prominent Texan Missing With a Lot of Other People's Money.

TEXARKANA, ARK., September 15.—J. Weiss, who has for ten years been a resident here as a music teacher, then a school keeper, pawnbroker and jeweler, and lately President of the Texarkana Savings Bank, but more recently an advertised lumber dealer and a large stockholder in the U. S. Steel corporation, is a missing person.

Mr. S. Matthews Lumber Company, the largest concern of the State, has decamped, going no one knows where, and carrying with him, it is alleged, funds of other parties, estimated all the way from \$30,000 to \$50,000. Mr. Weiss was not looked upon as a man of means himself, but being of fine address and an excellent accountant and of exceptionally good habits, was readily trusted by those with whom he came

His marriage in the wealthy and influential Blum family, of Galveston, several months ago, served greatly to strengthen public confidence in him, and the announcement that he has skipped a defaulter, falls with consequently greater weight.

POISONED WITH ICE CREAM.

At the Guests at a Military Ball Taken Suddenly Sick.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., September 15.—At Anniston Friday night the Woodstock Guards gave a grand military ball, at which about 200 invited guests were present. About midnight ice cream, cakes and fruit were served, and all partook of the re-

reshments. The ice cream had been poisoned by the metal vessel in which it was prepared, and in an hour after the lunch was served every doctor in the town was busy pumping at the sick.

Many of the ladies and gentlemen who ate some of the ice cream became violently ill, and it was only after considerable hard work that the physicians pronounced them out of danger. The sudden illness of all

he guests at the ball, and the news that they had been poisoned created a panic in the town, and it was several hours before the excitement subsided.

WASN'T LOOKING FOR BEAR.

Hunter of Birds Surprised by Striking Much Larger Game.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

BOSTON, September 15.—The residents of Milton, a suburb of Dedham, near the Forewood line, are considerably excited over the escape of a large brown bear, which is now haunting the woods and fields, causing alarm not only to the people, but to the cattle in the pastures. The brute is a performing bear, and was exhibited by an Italian, from whom he escaped Wednesday